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Rewald's Marquette Dealings Aired

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Ronald Rewald became an instant "graduate" of one of the country's top law schools for only \$10.

At least that is what the government wants the jury in Rewald's federal fraud trial to believe.

A Marquette University official yesterday described to a federal court jury how Rewald apparently sent \$10 to the university's Alumni Association in 1978 requesting a replacement membership card for the Law Alumni Association.

That card did not come, but Marquette's Alumni Association did keep Rewald's \$10 as a donation and put his name on the university's alumni list. That alumni association then apparently provided Rewald's name and address to the Marquette Law School Alumni Association which began including Rewald as a 1984 graduate.

The only problem was that Rewald never attended Marquette University, much less graduated from the law school.

BUT REWALD displayed — first in his Milwaukee sporting goods business office and later in the plush Honolulu offices of Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong — diplomas from Marquette University. He at times claimed to be a graduate of the business school, law school and even told the CIA that he held a doctorate from "M.I.T."

Actually, Rewald put in a few years at Milwaukee Technical Institute but never graduated.

Rewald is charged with fraud, tax evasion and perjury. He is accused of bilking investors out of some \$22 million. The government claims that Rewald is attempting to use minor ties with

the CIA as justification for taking money from investors and spending it.

Rewald claims he was an undercover CIA agent and that the CIA set up and ran his company. Rewald's attorneys claim the CIA provided Rewald with diplomas from Marquette as part of his cover. The CIA denies that, although it admits Rewald provided telephone and telex backstopping for a few CIA agents operating overseas.

A WITNESS from the CIA printing office previously testified that the CIA did not make the diplomas Rewald had in offices. The CIA graphics specialist said the documents were poorly done.

Alfred G. Eberle Jr., executive director of alumni relations at Marquette, said yesterday that Rewald's name appeared on a number of alumni lists, but said it apparently stemmed from a letter Rewald wrote in 1978.

In that letter, Rewald said, he was returning a Law Alumni Association membership card and requested a new card. He enclosed \$10.

Several days later the university wrote back, thanking Rewald for his "gift of \$10" and enclosed brochures on the alumni group.

Rewald responded some days later saying that he still wanted a law alumni card. Rewald's letter from Honolulu was written on stationery with the letterhead: "Oldenburg, Rewald & Walsh." The script letterhead gave the appearance that Rewald was a member of a law firm.